

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A foamed composition for bleaching clothing, which is formed from a liquid composition comprising

(a) 1 to 6% by mass of (a) hydrogen peroxide,

(b) 0.5 to 10% by mass of (b) a compound of the following formula (1):



wherein R^1 represents a linear or branched C8 to C16 alkyl group, R^2 represents a C2 to C4 alkylene group, G represents a residue derived from a reducing sugar, x is an average number of 0 to 6, and y is an average number of 1 to 10,

(c) 1 to 20% by mass of (c) polyoxyalkylene alkyl ether, wherein the carbon number of the alkyl group is 10 to 14 and the mole number of oxyalkylene added on the average is 7 to 12, and

(d) water,

wherein the ratio of (b)/(c) by mass is from 1/10 to 2/1.

2. (Currently Amended) A method of bleaching clothing, ~~which comprises the step of~~ comprising:

contacting, with clothing, foam formed from a liquid composition comprising

(a) 1 to 6% by mass of (a) hydrogen peroxide,

(b) 0.5 to 10% by mass of (b) a compound of the following formula (1):



wherein R^1 represents a linear or branched C8 to C16 alkyl group, R^2 represents a C2 to C4 alkylene group, G represents a residue derived from a reducing sugar, x is an average number of 0 to 6, and y is an average number of 1 to 10,

(c) 1 to 20% by mass of (e) polyoxyalkylene alkyl ether, wherein the carbon number of the alkyl group is 10 to 14 and the mole number of oxyalkylene added on the average is 7 to 12, and

(d) water,

wherein the ratio of (b)/(c) by mass is from 1/10 to 2/1.

3. (Currently Amended) A bleaching agent for clothing, comprising:

a liquid composition charged into a container provided with a discharger having a foaming mechanism, said liquid composition comprising

(a) 1 to 6% by mass of (a) hydrogen peroxide,

(b) 0.5 to 10% by mass of (b) a compound of the following formula (1):



wherein R^1 represents a linear or branched C8 to C16 alkyl group, R^2 represents a C2 to C4 alkylene group, G represents a residue derived from a reducing sugar, x is an average number of 0 to 6, and y is an average number of 1 to 10,

(c) 1 to 20% by mass of (e) polyoxyalkylene alkyl ether, wherein the carbon number of the alkyl group is 10 to 14 and the mole number of oxyalkylene added on the average is 7 to 12, and

(d) water,

wherein the ratio of (b)/(c) by mass is from 1/10 to 2/1.

4. (Currently Amended) A liquid bleaching composition for clothing, comprising:

(a) 1 to 6% by mass of (a) hydrogen peroxide,

(b) 0.5 to 10% by mass of (b) a compound of the following formula (1):



wherein R^1 represents a linear or branched C8 to C16 alkyl group, R^2 represents a C2 to C4 alkylene group, G represents a residue derived from a reducing sugar, x is an average number of 0 to 6, and y is an average number of 1 to 10,

(c) 1 to 20% by mass of (c) polyoxyalkylene alkyl ether wherein the carbon number of the alkyl group is 10 to 14 and the mole number of oxyalkylene added on the average is 7 to 12, and

(d) water,

wherein the ratio of (b)/(c) by mass is from 1/10 to 2/1.

5. (Currently Amended) The ~~formed~~ foamed composition according to claim 1, wherein R^1 is a linear alkyl group.

6. (New) The foamed composition according to claim 1, wherein said reducing sugar is an aldose or a ketose.

7. (New) The foamed composition according to claim 1, wherein said reducing sugar is glucose.

8. (New) The foamed composition according to claim 1, wherein said liquid composition has a pH of 0 to 7.

9. (New) The foamed composition according to claim 1, wherein said liquid composition has a viscosity of from 3 to 100 mPas at 20°C.
10. (New) The foamed composition according to claim 1, wherein said liquid composition further comprises a viscosity regulator.
11. (New) The foamed composition according to claim 1, wherein said liquid composition further comprises (e) 0.1 to 5 wt.% of a bleaching activator.
12. (New) The foamed composition according to claim 1, wherein said liquid composition comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of nonanoyloxy-p-benzene sulfonic acid, decanoyloxy-p-benzene carboxylic acid, dodecanoyloxy-p-benzene sulfonic acid and salts thereof.
13. (New) The foamed composition according to claim 11, wherein said liquid composition further comprises (f) a cationic surfactant, an amphoteric surfactant or mixtures thereof.
14. (New) The foamed composition according to claim 1, wherein said liquid composition further comprises (g) 0 to 5 wt% of an anionic surfactant.
15. (New) The foamed composition according to claim 1, wherein said liquid composition further comprises (h) 0.05 to 14 wt% of a dispersant.

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16. (New) The foamed composition according to claim 1, wherein said liquid composition further comprises (j) 0.005 to 5 mass% of a sequestering agent.

BASIS FOR THE AMENDMENT

The claims have been amended to correct minor informalities.

New Claims 6-16 have been added.

New Claims 6 and 7 are supported at page 5, 1st full paragraph of the specification.

New Claim 8 is supported at page 7, 2nd full paragraph.

New Claim 9 is supported at page 7, last paragraph.

New Claim 10 is supported at page 7, last paragraph.

New Claim 11 is supported at page 8, last paragraph and at page 9, 2nd full paragraph.

New Claim 12 is supported at page 9, 1st full paragraph.

New Claim 13 is supported at page 9, 3rd full paragraph.

New Claim 14 is supported at page 11, 2nd full paragraph and at page 12, 1st full paragraph.

New Claim 15 is supported at page 12, 3rd full paragraph.

New Claim 16 is supported at page 16, last paragraph.

No new matter is believed to have been added by entry of this amendment. Entry and favorable reconsideration are respectfully requested.

Upon entry of this amendment Claims 1-16 will now be active in this application.